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23rd February 2010

Dear Councillor

**HALESOWEN AREA COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY 10TH MARCH, 2010
AT 6.30PM**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Halesowen Area Committee on Wednesday, 10th March, 2010, at 6.30pm at Lutley Community Centre, Brookwillow Road, Halesowen to consider the business set out in the agenda below.

A buffet tea will be available for Members from 5.15pm onwards.

The agenda and reports for this meeting can be viewed on the Council's website www.dudley.gov.uk (Follow the links to Council Decision Making and Committee Information).

Yours sincerely,



Director of Corporate Resources

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

(Members are requested to inform the Democratic Services Officer of their declarations prior to the meeting)

3. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14th January, 2010.

4. PETITIONS

A petition has been received from residents of Whittingham Road about the Proposed Local Road Safety Scheme – The petition has been referred to the Director of the Urban Environment for consideration.

5. EMERGENCY SERVICES ISSUES

In order to assist an immediate response to be given, Members are asked that, if possible, they submit questions in writing to Democratic Services at the contact point on the cover of this agenda at least a week before the meeting date, in order that they may be referred to the relevant agency in advance of the meeting.

6. AREA POLICE AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT) ISSUES (PAGE 1)

Police to provide an update on the latest discussions and issues raised at PACT meetings.

As agreed by the Committee dates of all future PACT meetings have been included in the agenda.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

To receive questions from members of the public.

8. WARD ISSUES

To assist in enabling an immediate response to be given, Members are invited to submit questions they are proposing to ask, in writing and at least three working days in advance of the meeting, to manjit.johal@dudley.gov.uk. Members may ask questions at the meeting, but they should be aware that it may not always be possible for an immediate response to be given.

9. RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT THE HALESOWEN AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 14th JANUARY, 2010 (PAGES 2 – 3)

To consider a report of the Area Liaison Officer.

10. REPORT OF HALESOWEN AREA COMMITTEE WORKING GROUPS (PAGES 4 - 8)

To consider a report of the Area Liaison Officer.

11. QUEENS AWARD VOLUNTARY SERVICE

To receive a presentation from Mr Stone on the Queens Award Voluntary Services.

12. HALESOWEN LIBRARY AND ACCOMMODATION CHANGES (PAGES 9 - 13)

To consider a report of the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services.

13. EMPTY SHOPS GRANT (PAGES 14 -16)

To consider a report of the Director of the Urban Environment

14. HALESOWEN TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT (PAGES 17 - 20)

To consider a report of the Director of the Urban Environment

15. EARLS HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION ACCOUNT – APPLICATION FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (PAGES 21 – 22)

To consider a report of the Interim Director of Finance.

16. DELEGATED CAPITAL BUDGET (PAGES 23 – 27)

To consider a report of the Area Liaison Officer.

17. DATES AND VENUES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To be determined at Annual Council on 20th May 2010.

18. QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.8 (IF ANY)

19. SELECT COMMITTEE PUBLICITY

As a way of giving additional publicity to meetings of the Council's Select Committees it has been agreed that the dates of future meetings of the committee be included on the agendas of meetings of Area Committees.

Set out below is a list of all future meetings -

<u>Select Committee</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Regeneration, Culture and Adult Education	3 rd March 2009
Community Safety and Community Services	18 th March 2010
Environment	4 th March 2010
Health and Adult Social Care	22 nd March 2010
Children's Services	24 th March 2010

All these meetings start at 6pm and are held in the Council House, Dudley.

Also, the agendas for meetings of Select Committees include a public

participation item at which point members of the public can speak to raise an item relating to the activities of the particular Select Committee. Please see below as to how this is dealt with.

More information about Select Committees can be found on the Council's Committee Management Information System (CMIS), which can be accessed via <http://cmis.dudley.gov.uk/cmiswebpublic>.

Details about speaking at a select committee meeting or about Select Committees can also be obtained by speaking to Joe Jablonski on 01384-815243; e-mail josef.jablonski@dudley.gov.uk or the person whose details appear on the cover of this agenda.

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